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FOLLOWING REPEAT KINSHASA 8081 ACTION SECSTATE
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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 8081

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, CG, AO

SUBJECT: ZAIRE-ANGOLA RELATIONS

REF KINSHASA 8027

1. DURING CONVERSATION JULY 23 ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER IDZUMBUIR
CONFIRMED THAT MOBUTU AND NETO HELD BILATERAL TALK DURING KHARTOUM
SUMMIT. IDZUMBUIR SAID MEETING WAS ARRANGED IN IMPROMPTU FASHION
AT MOBUTU'S INITIATIVE. WHILE HE CLAIMED NOT TO HAVE YET BEEN
BRIEFED ON SUBSTANCE (MOBUTU AND PARTY SCHEDULED TO RETURN FROM
KHARTOUM JULY 25 VIA GBADOLITE), HE NOTED THAT THE TWO LEADERS HAD
TALKED FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR AND SURMISED THAT THE MEETING HAD GONE
REASONABLY WELL.

2. COMMENTING ON RE-OPENING OF BENGUELA RAILROAD, IDZUMBUIR SAID
THIS REALLY WAS A MATTER FOR THE ANGOLANS ALONE TO RESOLVE,
SINCE THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR RAILROAD'S MAINTENANCE AND PROTEC-
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TION. WHEN I SUGGESTED ANGOLANS MIGHT LOOK TO ZAIRE FOR HELP IN
DISCOURAGING UNITA FROM INTERDICTING THE RAILROAD, IDZUMBUIR
FOLLOWED STANDARD GOZ LINE THAT ZAIRE WAS NOT SUPPORTING ANY OF THE
ANGOLAN DISSIDENT MOVEMENTS AND WOULD GLADLY OPEN ITS DOORS
TO HAVE THIS FACT VERIFIED.
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